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We claim:

1. A method of treating cancer in a human subject comprising co-administering to the subject an immune checkpoint inhibitor and a bacterial formulation comprising bacteria of the genus *Bifidobacterium*.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein at least 50% of the bacteria in the bacterial formulation are of the genus *Bifidobacterium*.

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3. The method of claim 1, wherein at least 90% of the bacteria in the bacterial formulation are of the genus *Bifidobacterium*.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the bacteria of the genus *Bifidobacterium* comprise bacteria of the species *Bifidobacterium lactis*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, *Bifidobacterium animalis*, *Bifidobacterium breve*, *Bifidobacterium infantis*, *Bifidobacterium catenatum*, *Bifidobacterium pseudocatenulatum*, *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*, *Bifidobacterium angulatum*, *Bifidobacterium asteroides*, *Bifidobacterium boum*, *Bifidobacterium choerogenum*, *Bifidobacterium coryneforme*, *Bifidobacterium cuniculi*, *Bifidobacterium denticolens*, *Bifidobacterium dentium*, *Bifidobacterium gallicum*, *Bifidobacterium gallinarum*, *Bifidobacterium indicum*, *Bifidobacterium inopinatum*, *Bifidobacterium magnum*, *Bifidobacterium merycicum*, *Bifidobacterium minimum*, *Bifidobacterium pseudolongum*, *Bifidobacterium pullorum*, *Bifidobacterium psychraerophilum*, *Bifidobacterium ruminantium*, *Bifidobacterium saeculare*, *Bifidobacterium scardovii*, *Bifidobacterium simiae*, *Bifidobacterium subtile*, *Bifidobacterium theramncidophilum*, *Bifidobacterium thermophilum*, *Bifidobacterium tsuruense*, *Bifidobacterium urinalis* or *Bifidobacterium* sp.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterial formulation is administered by oral administration or rectal administration.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the bacterial formulation is administered by oral administration.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterial formulation comprises at least 5×10^6 CFU of bacteria of the genus *Bifidobacterium*.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterial formulation is administered to the subject in two or more doses.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the administration of the two or more doses are separated by at least 1 week.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising administering to the subject an antibiotic prior to the administration of the bacterial formulation.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the antibiotic is administered to the subject at least 1 day before the bacterial formulation is administered to the subject.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the immune checkpoint inhibitor is a protein or polypeptide that binds to an immune checkpoint protein.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein the immune checkpoint protein is CTLA4, PD-1, PD-L1, PD-L2, A2AR, B7-H3, B7-H4, BTLA, KIR, LAG3, TIM-3 or VISTA.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the immune checkpoint protein is PD-1 or PD-L1.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein the immune checkpoint inhibitor is an antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof that binds to an immune checkpoint protein.
16. The method of claim 15, wherein the immune checkpoint protein is CTLA4, PD-1, PD-L1, PD-L2, A2AR, B7-H3, B7-H4, BTLA, KIR, LAG3, TIM-3 or VISTA.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein the immune checkpoint protein is PD-1 or PD-L1.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein the immune checkpoint inhibitor is nivolumab, pembrolizumab, pidilizumab, AMP-224, AMP-514, STI-A1110, TSR-042, RG-7446, BMS-936559, BMS-936558, MK-3475, CT O11, MPDL3280A, MEDI-4736, MSB-0020718C, AUR-012 and STI-A1010.
19. The method of claim 1, wherein the immune checkpoint inhibitor is administered by intravenous injection, intramuscular injection, intratumoral injection or subcutaneous injection.